

ILS Advocate Position Job Preview



Example of a Typical ILS Advocate Shift

“There is not a “typical” day as a CLP Advocate. Every day is different and can be unpredictable. Although I have the flexibility to make my own schedule, this can have its challenges too. I have to consider my clients' schedule, appointments of all of my clients, meetings, open business hours, etc. Just when I think I have my week's schedule figured out, something can change, and I have to adjust. I have anywhere from 10-20 clients on my caseload. Each individual's hours that I am able to provide training is based on the client's needs. The average monthly hours that I receive to work with clients is around 15 hours. I consider each client's schedule, attention span, and needs and schedule my training times accordingly. Sometimes I may meet one day a week for several hours; some clients I may need to meet with several days a week for fewer hours, and others are on an “on-call” basis. The areas in which I provide training with each client depends on the needs of the client. I train in any area that provides daily living skills in order for the individual to live an independent lifestyle. For example, I may help locate affordable housing and budget with one client, then menu plan, cook and clean while role-playing communication skills with the next. The areas in which I am able to provide training and support in are cooking, cleaning, shopping in natural environments, menu planning, meal preparation, money management, mobility training, personal health and hygiene, self-advocacy, independent recreation, and participation in natural environments, use of medical and dental resources, community resource awareness and home and community safety. The training is provided within the client's home and within the community.

ILS Advocate Testimonials

“Working at Summer House definitely solidified my desire to do the type of work I do. I truly loved my time with the residents and all that I learned from them.”-Brittany Terry.

Brittany is now a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist working for the Sacramento County Office of Education in their new School Based Mental Health and Wellness program.

“You are such a big part of my journey to my career in social work.”-Monica Caldwell. Monica is now a Social Worker for children and families in the Sacramento area. She helps families receive needed services and also to connects them to community resources and supports.

Working at Summer House had such an impact on me and I will forever cherish my experience working with all of the residents during my time there.” -Lizabeth Ramirez-Lozover. Lizabeth is now a Director of our Housing for Health program for a Homeless

Pros & Cons of ILS Advocate Position

Pros

- Team Environment
- Hands on Experience in Social Service Field
- Positive Work Environment
- Rewarding
- Flexible Work Schedule

Cons

- Some clients don't want your support
- Set State Rate of Pay
- Can be very physical & hands on at times

Summer House Benefits

- Sick & Vacation Benefits
- Holiday Pay
- Paid Trainings
- Great Health Benefits